

Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes, Thursday, September 15, 2005
Medal of Honor Hall
California Department of Veterans Affairs
1227 O Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Participants

DVBE Advisory Council Members:

Larry Brooks, Robert Brown, Don Gonneville, Gary Herbold, Gary Hoffman on behalf of Floyd Knox, Bob Mulz, Kevin O'Connor, Michael O'Connor, Ken Shoemake, Francis Trottier, Timothy Voors, Robert Yaap

California Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA)

Ralph Cansimbe, Operations Manager, Veterans Services Division
Jack Kirwan, Statewide DVBE Advocate, Veterans Services Division
Stewart MacKenzie, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division
Joy Rowan, DVBE Outreach Coordinator, Veterans Services Division

Department of General Services (DGS)

Gloria Anderson, Compliance Manager, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Robin Borden, Certification Manager, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Mariel Dennis, Chief, Office of Small Business and DVBE Certification
Lori Okamoto, SB/DVBE Resources Administrator

Absent DVBE Advisory Council Members

Allen Amaro, Gene Farnsworth, Michael Johnson, Kevin O'Connor,

Guests

Copy of guest sign-in available upon request.

The Legislation Sub-Committee met from 8:30am-10:00am.

Welcome and Introductions

10:05 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance
Council members and guests introduced themselves.
Gary Hoffman attending on behalf of Floyd Knox.

Approval of Minutes ~ July 21, 2005

Motion: R. Brown, 2nd motion: T. Voors ~ Passed, Larry Brooks- Abstention

Business Items

Ca. Strategic Sourcing Initiative

Bob Hinchman, Project Director
Project description and update, discussed upcoming key contract dates
Any questions, visit www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/stratsourcing

Ca. Dept. of Transportation

Olivia Fonseca, Civil Rights Assistant Deputy Director, SB/DVBE Advocate
Janis Salias, Manager, Certification
Angel Carrera, Caltrans Staff
Procurement opportunities: as of 8/31/05, over 5% in construction to DVBE's

Handout on upcoming procurement opportunities to be shared with networks
More information, visit <http://caltrans-opac.ca.gov/>
Recognize the DBE certification from other federal certification entities
DBE requirements issued by the Federal government.
District Procurement Fairs – great success

Commercially Useful Function Definition

As it is being applied by the Department of Transportation
Follow definition in Military and Veterans Code.
Bid rec'd, if question on CUF, either call or send inquiry
Discussion of CUF (included audience comments)

Questions/comments from audience will be accepted if time permits and the agenda can stay on schedule. (Guidelines to be addressed in the next revision)

DGS: Legislation, Regulations, & Statewide DVBE Report

Mariel Dennis (DGS Update handout)

DGS Small Business Council update
Accomplishments (SB Advocate, Governor's office, Exec. Order.... See handout)
Web query enhancements
Backlog reduction and update
Legislative Updates
SBC Outreach Committee Recommendations

Lunch 12:00- 1:00pm

Business/Discussion Items

1:05

pm

Council Membership Applications, Biographical Information & Travel Reimbursements

Jack Kirwan/ Don Gonneville

Motion for: Membership voting to take place on written ballots as opposed to show of hands to be incorporated into the operating guidelines.

1st motion- Mike O' Connor, 2nd motion- Robert Yaap- Unanimous

Don shared geographical information regarding disabled veterans within California.

Please turn in the biographical information. Additional forms available.

Gary Herbold- questions from the council members

Recess for Jack Kirwan to consult CDVA Legal Staff regarding nominees leaving the meeting during discussions.

Council Recommendation for Program Name Change

Bob Mulz (Straw Man document handout)

Proposed changing name of DVBE Program

Council members to go back to organizations for discussion.

DGS to look at the obstacles and share at next meeting (not a formal study)

Sub-committee to work on formalization of pros and cons, DGS will provide a person. CDVA staff person also available to assist.

Council Membership Application (cont'd)

Henry Sprague has withdrawn application at this time.

Written ballots for Gary Herbold, Gary voted in.

Travel Reimbursements

Jack Kirwan

Funds have not been increased in several years from DGS, we will seek an amendment.
CDVA will look at the options for travel and prepare options for November Meeting

Commercially Useful Function (CUF)

Don Gonneville

CUF handout

Mariel to schedule panel to include CUF.

Mike O' Connor Motion – Establish a workplan/focus group to look at CUF that includes DGS, DVBE Advisory Council members, state staff and DVBE stakeholders . 2nd- Robert Yaap – Unanimous

Committee Reports:

No committee reports

Council Forum Member Issues And Reports:

No comments from Council Members

Public Comments

Dennis Hutchinson: Confusion between SDVOB and DVBE, requires two marketing materials,

Don Zwifel – How many contracts awarded to DVBE's?

Mariel explained the number of contracts are included in the Annual Statewide Report.

Next meeting November 17,2005

Adjournment

3:00 pm

Any questions, please contact:

Joy Rowan or Stewart MacKenzie

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